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WAXMAN ANNOUNCES JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK

In keeping with a Joint Congressional Resolution passed earlier this year, Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) announced the national observance of Jewish Heritage Week from May 3rd to May 10th.

According to Waxman, Congress chose these particular dates because of the numerous historical events and current affairs activities which are associated with this period. He noted that the months of April and May include the holiday of Passover, the commemoration of the Uprising of the Warsaw ghetto, Yom Hatzmaut (Israeli Independence Day), Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry, and Jerusalem Day -- the celebration of the liberation of Jerusalem during the Six Day War.

Waxman said,

"Jewish Heritage Week has been instituted by Congress in the hope that it will increase the appreciation of Jews of their heritage and improve the understanding of Christians and other non-Jews of Jewish history, religion and culture."

The Congressman commended the numerous Los Angeles Jewish groups that have planned special events for the week of May 3rd.

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